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-----110125Z 115122 /14  
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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CVIS, SOPN, NI

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN VISA REQUEST: NORMAN MATHENY OF CHRISTIAN  
SCIENCE MONITOR

REF: LAGOS 4247

1. LAST WEEK NIGERIAN EMBASSY FORMALLY DENIED MATHENY  
VISA REQUEST. EARLIER IN WEEK NIGERIAN EMBASSY HAD STATED  
VISA WOULD BE ISSUED IF MATHENY AGREED TO FOLLOWING CON-  
DITIONS: 1) THAT HE REPORT TO NIGERIAN EMBASSY HIS DATE AND  
TIME ARRIVAL IN LAGOS, 2) THAT UPON ARRIVAL HE REPORT TO  
MEA, 3) THAT HE SUBMIT PHOTOGRAPHS TO EMBASSY FOR "REVIEW"  
PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. FIRST TWO CONDITIONS WERE NO PRO-  
BLEM, BUT OVERSEAS EDITOR GODSELL, SPEAKING FOR CSM, TOLD  
EMBASSY VISA OFFICER ICHI, THAT CSM COULD NOT FORMALLY  
COMPLY WITH THIRD CONDITION, THOUGH MATHENY MIGHT BE  
WILLING SHOW PHOTOGRAPHS TO EMBASSY OFFICIALS ON INFORMAL  
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BASIS UPON HIS RETURN. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH SUPERIORS,  
ICHI REPORTED THAT INFORMAL SUBMISSION WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE  
COMPLIANCE, WITH THIRD CONDITION AND VISA THEREFORE DENIED.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION ICHI ADMITTED TO DESKOFF THAT  
MATHENY VISA HAD BEEN DENIED BECAUSE CSM HAD NOT AGREED  
PERMIT EMBASSY "REVIEW" OF PHOTOGRAPHS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

NATURE OF CSM'S INTENDED PICTORIAL TREATMENT OF NIGERIA.

3. UPON ADVICE OF INFORMATION CONSELOR DAMBATT, GODSELL SENT CABLE MAY 6 TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL IN MINISTRY OF INFORMATION REQUESTING THAT NIGERIAN EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED ISSUE VISA TO MATHENY, AND THAT MATHENY BE GRANTED ACCREDITATION TO PHOTOGRAPH THROUGHOUT NIGERIA.

4. THIS CABLE PURELY INFORMATIONAL. CSM HAS REQUESTED NO FURTHER EMBASSY ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME. CHRISTOPHER

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